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YOUR 252207Z CHINAT PHOTO RECON CAPABILITY BECOMING MORE LIMITED CONSTANTLY AS RESULT OF CHICOM AIR BUILDUP. FOR THE INTERIOR IT IS PRACTICALLY NIL AND FOR COASTAL COVERAGE IT IS LIMITED TO SHORELINE AND NEARBY AIRFIELDS FROM SWATOW TO FUCHOW. DEGREE OF CHINAT RESPONSIVENESS TO NAVY REQUIREMENTS FOR CINCPACELT IS MORE OF AN ACADEMIC QUESTION SINCE THEIR CAPABILITY IS CONSTANTLY DECREASING. THE RESPONSE TO ALL US REQUIRMENTS WILL BE LOW UNTIL CHINATS ARE FURNISHED AIRCRAFT TO DO THE JOB AGAINST MIG 17 AND QOSSIBLY MIG 19 OPPOSITION. AN URGENT REQUIREMENT EXISTS HERE TO GET FREQUENT COVERAGE OF COAST FROM HONG KONG TO SHANGHAI AS WELL AS MORE COVERAGE OF INLAND TERRITORY TO COVER RADIUS OF ILZE PARAPHRASE NOT REQUIRED

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